(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या हैं और सरकार की इस बारे में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है :

(ग) क्या दूरसंचार विशेषज्ञों ने यह बताया है कि दूरसंचार के किन-किन प्रमुख क्षेत्रों में दूरसंचार सेवाओं का उदारीकरण किया जाये ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (घ) दूर संचार सेवा उदारीकरण विश्व व्यापी सतत प्रक्रिया है और इस मामले में कई विशेषज्ञों ने अपने विचार व्यक्त किए हैं । तथापि, भारत में दूर संचार सेवाओं में उदारीकरण 13 मई, 1994 को संसद में रखी गई राष्ट्रीय दूरसंचार नीति का परिणाम है ।

**Guidelines for bidders of bask and cellular telephone services**

12. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Governments decision regarding guidelines for bidders of basic and cellular telephone services goes against Indian firms; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan for reviewing the guidelines to make Indian firms competitive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of above.

**Pilot projects for telecom network**

13. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved pilot projects for telecommunication network, particularly those of foreign countries;

(b) whether Government have received applications for similar projects from Indian telecommunication companies;

(c) whether Government are likely to lose control on telecommunication ser vices in sanctioning the projects of foreign companies; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Government has issued Letter of Intent for a Pilot project by an Indian company which is a joint venture between a foreign company and an Indian company.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) National interests will be taken care of if sancttons are issued for such projects.

**Complaints against disconnection of telephones In Calcutta**

14. SHRI. GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Telephones have been resorting to illegal and irregular disconnection of subscribers* telephones due to lapses in its Accounts department;

*(b)* whether the Calcutta Telephones have received a number of complaints against such irregular disconnections from the subscribers in the past one year;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to redress the grievances of the affected subscribers; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) ThE